

REMARKS

The acknowledgment of the claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 and receipt of the priority document is noted with appreciation.

The indication that the drawings filed with the application have been accepted is also noted with appreciation.

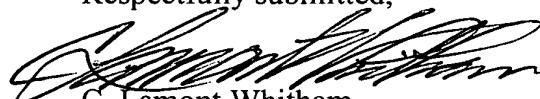
Claims 1, 2, 4 to 8, and 10 to 12 remain in the application. Claims 3, 9, 13, and 14 have been canceled by this amendment.

Claims 3 and 9 were indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter. The limitations of claim 3 have been added to claim 1, and the limitations of claim 9 have been added to claim 7 by this amendment. As amended, claims 1 and 7 are now in condition for immediate allowance. Claims 2 and 4 to 6 are either directly or indirectly dependent on claim 1 and are, therefore, allowable with claim 1. Claims 8 and 10 to 12 are either directly or indirectly dependent on claim 7 and are, therefore, allowable with claim 7.

Since this amendment *prima facie* places the application in condition for immediate allowance, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered, that claims 1, 2, 4 to 8, and 10 to 12 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,



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